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## ***Chapman Area Long-Term Recovery Team (CALRT) Receives Honor From USDA Rural Development***

### ***USDA Rural Development and CALRT to Continue Partnership***

**Chapman, KS** – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks announced today that Chapman Area Long-Term Recovery Team (CALRT) was honored by the Agency as an 'Outstanding Community Non-profit Partner'. The presentation was made by USDA Rural Development in recognition of CALRT's partnership in re-building Chapman.

State Director Chuck Banks, commenting at today's event, said, "I am pleased to see USDA Rural Development team up with CALRT to make a significant contribution in the community. The Agency is committed to assisting rural Kansas communities with their housing and community facility needs. We are very pleased that USDA Rural Development has programs to support many of these projects, and that CALRT continues to reach out to those who need assistance."

The Pastor Ken Trickle, President, received the award for CALRT at the event. Pastor Trickle in his remarks said, "We are honored to be recognized as an Outstanding Community Non-profit Partner. Our partnership started with common concern for the needs brought on by the tornado. At a time when housing was a rare commodity for victims of the tornado, USDA Rural Development gave us tangible solutions to offer those in need. We're looking forward to extending this partnership and to continue to assist individuals and families affected by the natural disaster."

In addition to the award being presented to CALRT, USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks also recognized Astra Bank in a separate ceremony for their partnership and involvement in providing financial assistance for those re-building in Chapman.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for rural Americans. USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has delivered nearly \$1.5 billion to Kansans covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$7 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State.

For additional information regarding Agency programs, individuals should contact the USDA Rural Development area office in Manhattan at 785-775-7582 (extension #4), the State Headquarters at 785-271-2700 or visit the Agency's Kansas website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks)

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